



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-450)

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al.)

Serial No.: 09/599,087)

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For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1)
Molecules and Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings

Group Art Unit: 1642

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 26, 2004

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.